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Diplomatic Corps met today at instance of Papal Nuncio to consider possibility of sending message to Guatemalan Government requesting more humane treatment for political prisoners. Though lengthy, meeting reached no decision.

Strongest proponents of message were Nuncio and Haitian and Colombian Charges d'Affaires. I also supported idea though stating I believed any decision should be taken unanimously. Salvadoran Ambassador, seconded by Mexican, Chilean and Ecuadoran were opposed.

While no action is likely result from this gathering, meeting of Diplomatic Corps to discuss local problem sets useful precedent in case situation should degenerate further.

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